

## **News Release**

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## **Cold Regions Scientist Receives Army Award**

**HANOVER**, **N.H.**—The U.S. Army Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory (CRREL) is proud to announce the selection of Ms. Kathy Jones as a 1998 U.S. Department of the Army Research and Development Achievement (RDA) Award recipient. Ms. Jones, a physical scientist, has developed a new national standard map for ice loads. This map will be widely used by both civilian and military engineers for safe and economic design of power lines and communication towers.

Ms. Jones' technical assistance to FEMA during the ice storm in February 1998 resulted in the publication of a Task Force report published by FEMA in October 1998. This report is included as part of the final report to the President concerning the long-term recovery of the states of Maine, New Hampshire, New York, and Vermont. Hence, the Long-Term Recovery Task Force, chaired by FEMA's director, Mr. James Lee Witt, strongly suggested, as part of the recommendations that a collaborative effort to include CRREL be undertaken to study ways to mitigate utility losses in future ice storms.

This excellent research accomplishment is a major contribution to CRREL's overall effort in providing the U.S. Army with the most advanced, leading edge technology.

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